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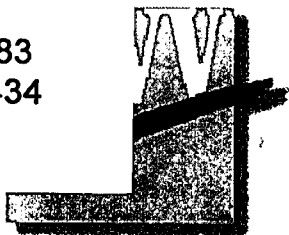
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Election on the Constitutional Amendment for Roads

September 18th Deadline for voter registration

September 22nd - October 4th Early Voting

October 2nd Last day to vote absentee

October 6th Election

Meeting - Election on Bonds for Roads

On September 18, 6:30 pm at the Woodlands Retirement Center the League of Women Voters and Delta Sigma Theta will co-sponsor a meeting for the explanation of the ballot issue on whether West Virginia should sell bonds to repair and build roads. A constitutional amendment is necessary to authorize the debt.

If passed, the "Roads to Prosperity" amendment will give the Legislature authorization to issue and sell state bonds to be used for the improvement and construction of state roads. The amendment calls for the sale of up to \$1.6 billion in state bonds over the next four years. The payment on the debt from the bonds will come from the increases in gasoline taxes and Division of Motor Vehicle fees passed in the 2017 legislature session.

The income from the sales of the bonds will be available for matching federal funds for highway and bridges. The maximum term of the bonds, according to the amendment, is 25 years.

The League and Delta Sigma Theta do not have positions on the constitutional amendment, but are sponsoring the meeting to provide voters an opportunity to hear an explanation of the constitutional amendment and ask questions.

Public Policy Positions

Through the study/consensus process the League at all three levels, national, state, and local, have developed positions on many public issues. Both the national and state comprehensive lists are available on their websites. Here is a short version of the LWVUS' positions under Representative Government on:

- Voting Rights - Citizens Right to Vote - Protect the right of all citizens to vote; encourage all citizens to vote.
- Voting Rights - DC Self-Government and Full Voting Representation - Secure for the citizens of the District of Columbia the rights of self-government and full voting representation in both houses of Congress.



September 18, 6:30 - Road Bonds Election information. League meeting at Woodlands.

September 25, 10 am - League board meeting. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church

September 26, 1-8 pm - Voter Registration at downtown library. League sponsored.

September 26, 5:30 - "Together We Rise", St. Mary's Conference Center. United Way sponsored community discussion on racism and measures to take.

September 28, 7 pm - Amicus Curiae lecture, "Against Democracy!" Foundation Hall. MU

October 23, 6:30 - Huntington's "America's Best Community" plans. League sponsored

The LWV is a nonpartisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$45 individual, \$60 for two in one household and \$24 for students. To join, send your check to: Ann Spear, Treasure, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701. Check is to be made out to the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area.

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Voter Registration at the Library

On September 26, 1-8 pm, the League will register citizens to vote at the downtown library. This effort is a partnership with the Cabell County Library and "Nonprofit VOTE", a national organization that partners with America's nonprofits to help the people they serve participate and vote. The League will provide instructions on registering citizens to vote for those who volunteer. ***Please let Helen Gibbins know if you can help register citizens to vote on September 26.***
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September 26 has been designated National Registration Day. The goals of "Nonprofit VOTE" are to:

- Provide high quality resources for nonprofits and social service agencies to promote voter participation and engage with candidates on a nonpartisan basis.
- Build lasting capacity for nonpartisan voter and election engagement throughout the nonprofit sector.
- Encourage increased voter participation and active citizenship, especially among voters new to the process or with a recent history of lower participation.
- Develop and evaluate agency-based models for voter engagement by nonprofit service providers, identifying the most effective strategies for nonprofits to incorporate voter engagement into their ongoing activities.
- Strengthen the nonprofit sector and encourage new civic leadership.

Advocacy - Affordable Health Care Act

The LWVUS joined health care, labor, and community organizations to call on President Trump to provide cost sharing payments as required by the ACA. This is an opportunity to stabilize the individual health insurance market by guaranteeing the provision of cost-sharing reduction supports for low-wage earners. Without these payments, more Americans will lose coverage and insurers will be hard-pressed to keep future premium hikes in check.

Advocacy - Election Integrity Commission

The President's commission on election integrity will meet for the second time on September 12. In the guise of preventing noncitizens from voting, the commission is laying the groundwork to push for nationwide voting barriers. Instead, the League supports ensuring all eligible voters – particularly those from underrepresented communities, including first-time voters, new citizens, communities of color, the elderly, and low-income Americans – have the opportunity and the information to exercise their right to vote? The League will work to implement that goal rather than putting blocks in the way of prospective voters.

We Send Our Condolences To

Earlene Agee on the passing of her husband Bob.
Helen Brown on the passing of her husband Charlie.
Betty Cleckley on the passing of her brother Franklin.

We Welcome New Members

Laurie McKeown and Jennifer Ball.